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**BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING
COMMITTEE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF TUCSON ELECTRIC POWER
COMPANY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY
AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF
A SINGLE 138 Kv TRANSMISSION LINE
AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES FROM
THE EXISTING DEMOSS PETRIE
SUBSTATION IN SECTION 35, T. 13 S., R.
13 E., TO THE EXISTING TUCSON
SUBSTATION IN SECTION 12, T. 14 S., R.
13 E., IN THE CITY OF TUCSON, PIMA
COUNTY, ARIZONA.

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Case No. 157

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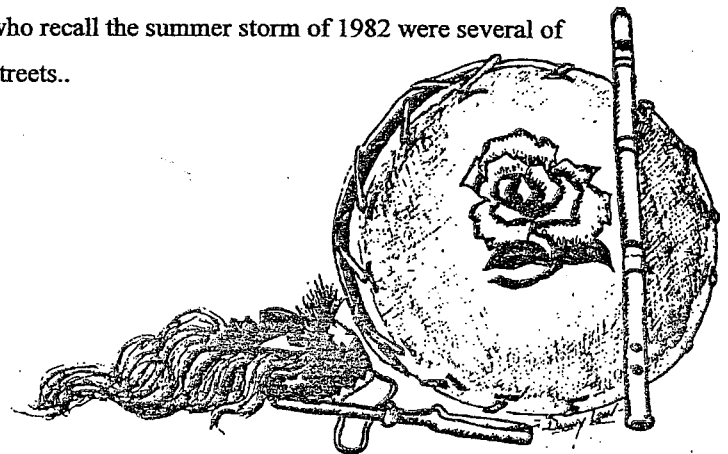
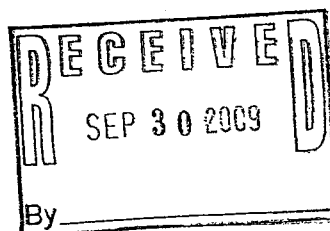
Paul Bonavia
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr. Bonavia:

We are writing in regards to the DeMoss Petrie to Tucson Substation 138-kV Transmission Line Project. We know that the final preferred route for this project has not yet been determined, but we understand that one of the routes under consideration would run along 15th Avenue through, the Old Pascua Yaqui Village as well as other residential neighborhoods to the South. We are strongly opposed to this route for a number of reasons which are detailed below.

Directly adjacent to 15th Avenue is the Old Pascua Cultural Plaza, site of the original Pascua Yaqui settlement in Tucson since the 1880s. The site is listed on National Register of Historic Places and is where our Easter Lenten Ceremonies are held each year. These ceremonies and others are an important part of our cultural and religious heritage. An important part of all ceremonies is the "Alva", in which participants recite prayers while facing east towards the rising sun. If the 15th Avenue route is selected, the electrical transmission lines and required large poles will cause great spiritual harm to community members of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and the members of the Pascua Yaqui ceremonial societies during religious ceremonies. The Yaqui shared belief is that the Sun is the Creator and during various ceremonial rituals throughout the year, community and ceremonial participants need to face the rising Sun to recite prayers and receive the blessings of the Creator. Placement of these electrical lines and poles will significantly block the direct view of the rising Sun thus infringing on the spiritual wellbeing of the members of the ceremonial societies and tribal members who live in the community.


Furthermore, we feel that transmission lines of this size and voltage not only detract esthetically from our neighborhood but also instill fear and anxiety from residents who recall the summer storm of 1982 where several of the existing power lines and poles came down on homes and streets..



While the evidence for human health impacts appears to be inconclusive, there is widespread concern among our residents about the potential effects of high voltage power lines and EMF, particularly on children. This is of special concern to us because the 15th Avenue route would run immediately next to Richey Elementary School and literally within six feet of the early childhood playground.

For all of these reasons, the 15th and 11th Avenue route should no longer be considered as a viable option for the 138-kV line sitting. We support the efforts of the Safe Power lines group and we urge you to select their route which impacts industrial areas rather than residences, schools, and historically and culturally significant sites.

Sincerely,



Arcadio Gastelum, President

San Ignacio Yaqui Council Inc.

cc: Steven W. Lynn, TEP Vice President, Communications and Government Relations

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